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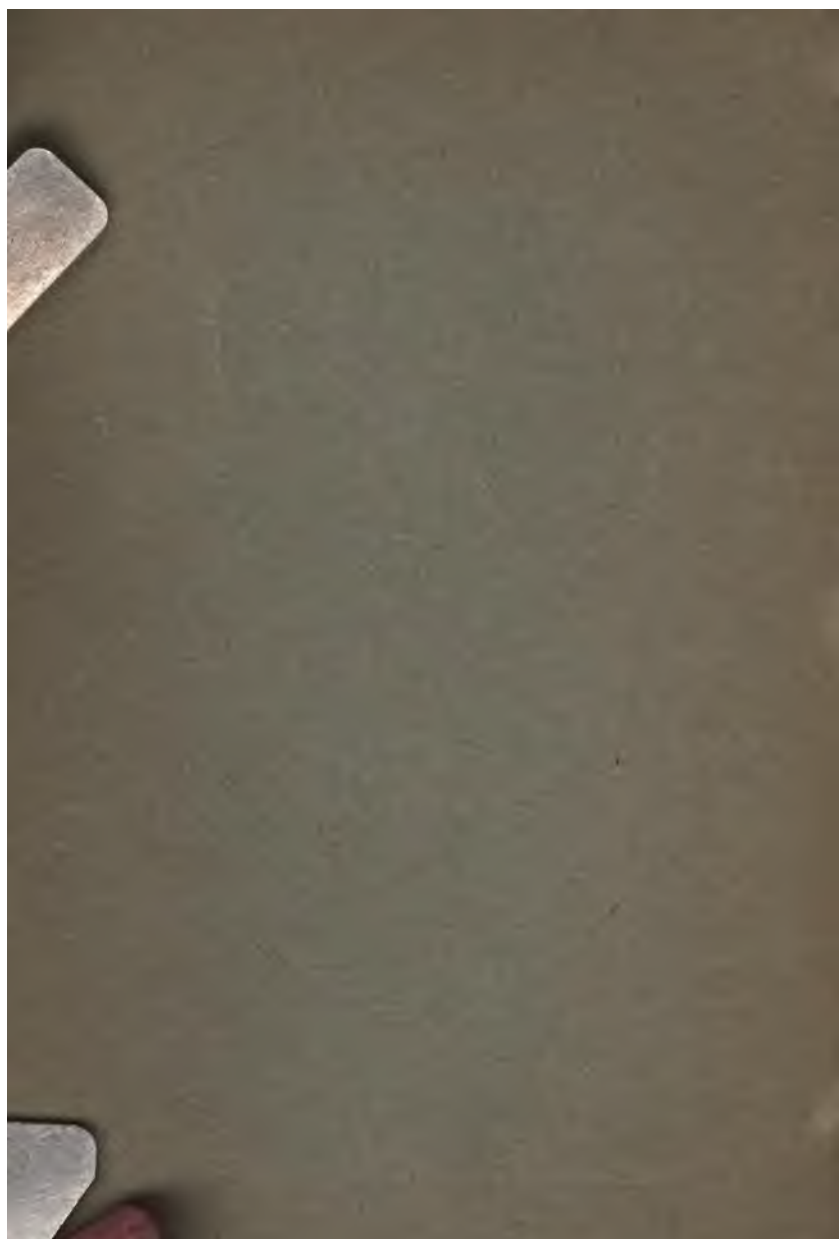
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VISITORS

Spending Several Days or Weeks at the Settlement
During the Year

MISS ETTA WILSON	MRS. E. G. GREENE
MRS. JAMES LAIDLEY	MISS MANSFIELD
MISS LAIDLEY	MISS DARRAH
MISS EMILY BECKWITH	MR. DURELL
MISS DICKINSON	MISS MOODY
MISS WINSLOW	MISS WEBB
MRS. MATHEWS	MISS HOWE
MISS MATHEWS	MISS ROCKWELL
MR. E. G. GREENE	MRS. MCDUGAL

CONSTITUTION.



ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be called the SAN FRANCISCO SETTLEMENT ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Association shall be:—

SECTION 1. To establish and maintain a Settlement in San Francisco as a residence for persons interested in the social and moral condition of its neighborhood.

SEC. 2. To bring into friendly and helpful relations with one another the people of the neighborhood in which the Settlement is situated.

SEC. 3. To co-operate with church, educational, charitable, and labor organizations, and with other agencies acting for the improvement of social conditions.

SEC. 4. To serve as a medium among the different social elements of the city for bringing about a more intelligent and systematic understanding of their mutual obligations.

ARTICLE III.

The membership of this Association shall consist of persons who shall contribute to the funds of the Association the sum of five dollars or more per annum.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. There shall be a governing Council, consisting of nine (9) members, and such other members as shall be added to it in accordance with Section 2 of this Article. At the meeting of the Association at which this Constitution shall be adopted, a Council of nine (9) members shall be elected. At their first meeting the members of the Council shall divide themselves by lot into two classes. The first class shall comprise five (5) members, who shall hold office for one (1) year; the second class shall comprise four (4) members, who shall hold office for two (2) years. Thereafter, the terms of office of all members of the Council shall be two (2) years. At each annual meeting all vacancies by expiration of term shall be filled by the Association. The Council itself shall have power to appoint persons to fill unexpired terms.

SEC. 2. The Council shall organize by electing from their own number a President, who shall also be President of the Association; they shall also elect a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Head of the House. These officers, if not already members of the Council, shall become members upon their election; and shall continue to be members while they hold office. All

officers elected by the Council shall hold office for one year, unless elected to fill an unexpired term.

SEC. 3. The Council shall have the power of prescribing the By-Laws and Rules under which the work of the Association is carried on. It shall have the direction of all committees and of the finances of the Association, and shall make an annual report to the Association.

SEC. 4. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the second Saturday in April of each year. At that meeting the annual report of the Council shall be presented, with such other reports as may be called for, and members of the Council shall be elected. Special meetings of the Association may be held at the call of the President, and such call must be issued at the request of any four members of the Council.

ARTICLE V.

The Head of the House shall have the immediate superintendence of all the work of the house.

ARTICLE VI.

Twenty-five members of the Association shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VII.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds' vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting of the Association, the proposed amendment

to be sent by mail to all members at least one week previous to the meeting at which the amendment is voted upon.

AMENDMENT I.

The word nine shall be changed to fifteen in Article IV, Section 2, referring to the number of members of the Council, and the two classes shall be made to number eight and seven respectively.

AMENDMENT II.

The President of the San Francisco Boys' Club Association shall be *ex-officio* a member of the Council.

REPORT OF RESIDENTS.



Settlement life is much like any other home life, *plus* opportunities for sharing it, that vary more in degree than in kind. The work being individual in character rather than institutional, "friendly rather than philanthropic," cannot be tabulated; could it be, its value would be lost. All Settlement workers grow to feel more and more that the essence of Settlement life is, the *being* rather than the *doing*,—what it *is* rather than what it *does*. And this eludes analysis, defies statistics. As it is of the first importance that a Settlement be absolutely free in its spirit—not committed to any arbitrary policy that shall render it inflexible and unsympathetic—it follows that each Settlement must adapt itself to the needs of its particular environment, and this is what the South Park Settlement has sought to do.

To reduce to terms of action along social lines the democratic ideal to which our country is pledged, has been one of the aims of our Settlement. For we believe that only through social intercourse of an informal and friendly nature can come the better understanding that leads to mutual helpfulness. So we have rejoiced in the growing tendency of our neighborhood friends

to make the Settlement a place for frequent visits,—a “Neighborhood House,” to borrow the distinctive name of the Brooklyn Settlement. More and more we see awakening in our neighbors the desire to share with us, and each other, their limited opportunities, as well as an appreciation of what we are trying to share with them. One woman said to a resident, as they were returning from a concert one day: “You can’t think what the Settlement has done for our neighborhood. If it had n’t been for you ladies we should never have known there were people in the world who liked to share things like this.” Another mother, whose burdens seemed more than she could carry when we first knew her, said, with deep feeling, not long ago: “I believe the Settlement has saved my life or reason. I used to be so unhappy I did n’t want to live, and now it is all so different, and I feel quite happy and cheerful. You have all helped me so much.”

Among our best opportunities for friendly intercourse, we have found to be little excursions to the Park and beach. A pleasant morning or afternoon spent together rambling over the Park, or examining the treasures in the museum, gives us subjects of common interest to talk over later, and one rarely returns from such a trip without feeling much nearer to the mother or young girl with whom the day has been passed.

The last year has seen us strengthened in almost every direction. Our resident family has enlarged to

five permanent members, and as the vital part of Settlement work is always limited by the number and ability of its resident force, we feel that we have gained much by this addition. We have also had an increasing number of temporary residents, whose sympathetic interest in the work has been a help and inspiration to us. New workers from outside are constantly offering their services, so that our class and club work has not suffered by the dropping out of some of the older friends. Last summer a number of the clubs and classes, after their annual picnic, took a vacation, varying from one to three months, coming together again in the early fall with fresh enthusiasm. Those under the care of the residents, however, have continued their weekly meetings uninterruptedly through the year, with increasing interest and a growing membership. The various sewing classes have done good work and grown in numbers, and the same may be said of the organized clubs for boys and girls, young men and women.

On the social side, we have had parties frequently for the various clubs, to which the friends of the members have been invited. At Christmas time there were ten entertainments, varying in character from a Christmas tree for the little folks to a musical and literary entertainment for the mothers. On the educational side, there have been various lectures and courses of talks, besides a number of musical entertainments, that have drawn appreciative audiences. Prof. Buck gave the Young Men's Musical Club a series of talks on

THE POLITICAL ECONOMY CLUB.



This club draws together men not only of our neighborhood, but from remote residences, who bring to bear knowledge, good will, and serious intent on discussions of practical value in this time of social ferment. The program for the year has been faithfully carried out, with added meetings before the Presidential election. Among the speakers have been Professors Moses, Howison, Plehn, Messrs. J. J. Valentine, F. W. Dohrman, J. M. Chase, Laurence Gröulund, Maj. W. W. Winchell, and others.

In October the club arranged a public discussion of the free silver question between Col. John P. Irish and Edward F. Adams, at the Howard-street Methodist Church, which called out a crowded house.

This club meets at the Settlement on the first and third Tuesdays in the month, at 8 P.M.

MOTHERS' CLUB.



Our weekly gathering of mothers is called a club by courtesy, but it has not yet been organized. Too many of the husbands are out of work to warrant the maintenance of club dues. Our meeting is social, heartily so, and a cup of coffee at the close of the afternoon emphasizes the hospitable intent of the Settlement.

The report, published April, 1896, mentions a women's cooking class. This formed the nucleus of our Mothers' Club. After the summer's vacation our funds did not warrant two courses in cooking, so a teacher was engaged for one lesson a week,—three lessons in the month going to the older girls' club and the fourth to the mothers. Five cents dues are charged for this lesson, to cover the cost of materials. Dr. Emily Harrison has given a series of instructive talks on the care of children. Among our most interesting afternoons have been the talks by Dr. Florence Ward, Miss K. M. Whittaker, Mrs. E. G. Greene, and a reading by Mrs. Louise Humphrey-Smith. Some of the talks given by the residents were upon Colonel Waring's Street Cleaning in New York, the George Jr. Republic, and Dr. Barnardo's Home for Homeless

Children in London. Afternoons of music have been given by Miss Anna Beaver, Miss Ethel Beaver, Mrs. McKenzie, Miss Theresa Brooks, and Mr. Manlloyd.

We are greatly indebted to the President of the Sierra Club for the privilege of an afternoon's mountain travel by aid of the club's collection of photographs. This giving something to feed the mind and satisfy the social instinct is one of the joys of the Settlement. We find that the husbands ask their wives, "What did you hear at the Settlement to-day?" and it is good to furnish topics of conversation in the home to supplant the last newspaper horror. Our average attendance is steadily increasing; from four or five at the beginning of the year, we are now often more than twenty, and are obliged to give up the cosy room up-stairs for the large club-room on the first floor. Twice the Mothers' Club of the San Francisco Boys' Club has been entertained by our Mothers' Club,—first, to hear a talk by Miss Osgood, of Boston, on Millet, the painter of Labor, with many photographs, and recently a very interesting address by Mrs. E. G. Greene, on the training and development of children. Many of the mothers must bring with them the little ones too young to be left alone, and this has formed our baby class, under the charge of Mrs. H. L. Searle. The average is sixteen in attendance. Kindergarten games and songs are the diversions, and one of the most useful gifts to the Settlement was a box of toys for these little ones.

GIRLS' AND YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUBS.



The afternoon sewing and singing classes have met regularly through the year, adding new members as the old ones have dropped out. The children take great pride in the organization of these classes into clubs, and pay their dues promptly, besides the ten-cent fee for each garment when finished.

The Excelsior Club is a gathering of young girls of the ages of fifteen to seventeen, who meet every Wednesday evening. For some months they were without any formal organization, coming in simply to spend a social evening with the residents, bringing their fancy work, and chatting freely about the things that interested them. But when their number increased from five to seventeen, they organized and called themselves the Excelsior Club, taking for their motto, "*Success is work well done.*" When they expressed a desire to work for some definite object, it was decided to give a little "sale" in the late spring. To that end they have been working patiently and happily for the last two months, voting against any recreation or diversion of any kind. They take great pride in living up to their club motto, and thoroughness is their watchword in all they do.

The Central Park Girls' Club, which meets Monday evening, is the largest organization connected with the settlement, having a membership of fifty. It is divided into four working sections or classes—sewing, reading, sewing, and magazine or current events. The girls meet for an hour, then come together in the large hall for the call and a social half hour. For one month this time was devoted to a singing lesson, which Miss Mary Mann was kind enough to give the girls. Once a month the evening is given up to a business meeting, and every six months new officers are elected. The girls give a party or some kind of an entertainment quarterly, to which they invite their friends. These occasions are among the pleasantest of the social events at the Settlement, and are varied in character. Sometimes it is tableaux, again dramatics, now and then a dance, occasionally an evening of games, or a musicale. The monthly dues of ten cents pay for refreshments on these occasions. It is a matter of note that the girls conduct their business meetings according to parliamentary rules, and with dignity and order. Their gain in confidence and self-poise is marked.

Resulting from a talk given by Miss Ida Chase Lee, a class was formed from the two girls' clubs for four special lessons in physical training. Among the pleasant evenings for the club was a song recital, given by Miss Elizabeth Putnam, also a concert contributed by Mrs. Harriner-Campbell and her quartette.

BOYS' CLUBS.



The second year of the Lincoln Boys' Club has passed, and with April, 1897, we usher in the third of its existence. Many of its original members are still enrolled, together with a number of new members. For them we hope to do all that will tend to make them active and valuable citizens of the future. Our weekly meeting consists of a short business session, at which is read three items of current interest, followed by an hour's manual training and a half hour for recreation. A number of interesting debates were held by the boys during the past year. Those well discussed were: *Resolved*, That the Grant monument should be built by free labor, and *Resolved*, That free coinage of silver would be good for the country. The manual training for the past year has varied a little from that of '95 and '96. During the first half of the year the work of the previous year was continued,—bottle covering, chair caning, and book covering. A slight change was made after our month's vacation last July. We determined to have all sections work at the same thing, instead of each section having different work as heretofore. The work undertaken for this term is net and hammock making. This

system has been very successful, and we feel encouraged to continue it. Besides the regular meetings, the club had a party in June, an outing to Strawberry Cañon in September, and the Christmas festival, which took the form of a play, "Bonito," especially written for the Boys' Club by Mr. George Trader. The parts were well acted by the boys, for which we are greatly indebted to Mr. J. I. Housman, who kindly and patiently instructed them. The play was successfully repeated in March, for an admission fee of ten cents. Though we recognize that boys' clubs are but a single feature of Settlement work, we hope to be able to lend the same interest and give the same advantages as those given by the other leading boys' clubs. We hope to be both assisted and encouraged in gaining this end.

REPORT OF THE PRESS CLUB.



The work of this club, since June last, has, for the most part, consisted of talks on a wide range of subjects, including travel, good government, physiology. These talks have often been followed by games. One feature of the work is the preparation of a weekly budget of news,—local, national, and international,—and it is observed that the members evince considerable interest in the affairs of the day—the first step toward good citizenship.

It has long been a cherished idea of this club to publish a paper, and it is believed that with the small beginnings made we may one day be in possession of a printing press. A paper thus published may, in time, be the official organ of the Settlement, and not only furnish pleasant and profitable employment to those immediately interested in its publication, but serve also to unify the many elements at work in the Settlement, and bring more prominently before the minds of our friends the one common purpose of the life at South Park—"the extension of the hand of helpfulness and the word of hope."

THE BUFORD KITCHENGARDEN SOCIETY.



This society has been carrying on its work under the roof of the Settlement ever since the house in South Park opened. Though it has retained its independence of organization, being responsible for its own expenses, electing its own officers, etc., it co-operates in many ways with the Settlement, and contributes towards its support. The Saturday morning classes in sewing and kitchengarden have been conducted as usual during the past year. There has been an attendance of seventy girls, ranging from seven to fifteen years of age.

The younger classes in sewing use the system approved by the New York Teachers' College, working from a model book, containing specimens of a great variety of stitches and materials. Not until the children can sew with a fair amount of neatness and precision are they allowed to attempt to make a garment. There are five classes doing this work, and two in darning and mending. In all these a monthly fee of five cents is required.

In the garment class, in charge of Miss Josephine Palecki, the girls are taught to cut out, fit, and make underclothing and simple dresses. They are formed

into a club of twenty, called "Cheerful Workers," paying dues of ten cents a month, besides ten or twenty cents for every garment finished. During the year they have made sixty garments, ten of these being dresses. At Christmas time all the classes made articles for Christmas gifts, according to their ability, for parents, besides two comforters made by the "Cheerful Workers," to give to destitute families.

The two classes in kitchengarden have been carried on with new zest by workers who have brought the benefits of kindergarten training to bear upon the work.

As before, the library has been open to the children Thursday afternoons, and there has been increased interest and vitality in the library work of the past year; this is owing largely to the accession of new books from the Public Library. By an arrangement made with the Public Library, our librarian becoming responsible for the books, a number are distributed at the Settlement, and in this way the children have access to all the best children's books. The great demand is for fairy stories, Andrew Lang's books being especial favorites; Miss Alcott still retains her place in the affections of the children, and there is also quite a demand for short historical stories. After drawing books, many of the children enjoy playing games with one or two of the workers.

Last spring the term closed May 23d with a picnic, held on Sutro Heights. At Christmas time the children were entertained by a charming musical program, given by the Misses Pasmore and the Misses Ehrmann,

recitations and songs by some of their own number. A Christmas tree, laden with books, toys, and candy, was also enjoyed.

We take this opportunity of expressing our cordial thanks to friends who have helped us by gifts of materials for sewing, books for the library, refreshments, and money for the Christmas fund.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Beaver, Miss Ethel	Houghton, Miss Minnie
Bacon, Miss Mabel	Mills, Miss Ardella
Bowman, Miss Agnes	Lowell, Miss May
Crane, Miss Elizabeth	Norwood, Miss Evelyn
Church, Miss Gertrude	Pierce, Miss Frances
Davis, Miss Florence	Stubbs, Miss Helen
Field, Miss Anne	Schneely, Miss Emilie
Hooper, Miss May	Rambo, Miss Alice
Hooper, Miss Alice	Rambo, Miss Fay
Houghton, Miss Bertha	Van Winkle, Miss Helen

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

George, Miss Julia	Lincoln, Miss Ethel
Harvey, Miss Genevieve	May, Miss Emily
Houghton, Miss Meda	Sutro, Miss Alice

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK.



MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Happy Singers Singing for Young Girls
MISS FORDHAM.

MONDAY EVENING.

South Park Girls' Club
. . . Sewing, Cooking, Drawing, and Current Events
MRS. LITTLEFIELD, MRS. CARRUTH,
MISS FITCH, MISS CUENCA,
MISS LOCKHART, MRS. MARTIN.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Mothers' Club—
MISS VERY, MRS. SCHERMERHORN,
MISS PERRY.

Baby Class—
MRS. SEARLE, MISS BRITTAN.

TUESDAY EVENING (1ST AND 3D).

Political Economy Club—
PROF. BERNARD MOSES, MR. V. L. O'BRIEN.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Willing Workers Sewing
MISS SARA COLEMAN, MISS BLANCHARD.

Little Helpers Kitchengarden
MISS FRANCES COLEMAN, MRS. NOBLE,
MISS HALE.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Excelsior Club Sewing and Reading for Girls
MRS. SCHERMERHORN, MRS. SEARLE,
MISS PERRY.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Buford Library Reading and Games for Girls
MISS CRANE, MISS RAMBO,
MISS FIELD.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Lincoln Boys' Club Manual Occupation
MISS LESZYNSKY, MR. SEARLE,
MISS FITCH, MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Golden Star Club Sewing for Girls
MISS FARNSWORTH.

At Home—

RESIDENTS.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Press Club for Boys—
DR. ELDRIDGE, MISS HOLDEN,
MISS HECHT.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Buford Kitchengarden
. Housekeeping Occupations and Sewing
MISS BEAVER, MISS HOUGHTON,
MISS HOOPER, MISS PIERCE, and others.

TREASURER'S REPORT.



*Report of the Treasurer of San Francisco Settlement Association, for
year ending April 11, 1897:—*

RECEIPTS.

Balance, as per last Annual Report	\$ 381	26
Balance from house fund, April 1, 1896	27	30
Annual subscriptions	450	00
Monthly subscriptions—		
Mrs. Phoebe Hearst (twelve months)	600	00
Miss Virginia Fitch (eleven months)	110	00
Buford Kitchengarden (twelve months)	120	00
Messrs. Chamberlain (thirteen months)	65	00
Mr. Joseph Chamberlain (three months)	15	00
Donations	188	40
Sale of carpet	6	25
Board from residents and visitors	1084	00
Extra meals	33	25
Cooking Class dues	19	85
		<u>\$3100 31</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Rent	\$ 540	00
Gas	167	30
Gas regulator	4	50
Coal	58	50
Taxes, personal property	2	25
Wages	310	00
Salary of Resident in charge (twelve months)	360	00
Salary of assistant (ten months)	200	00
Table expenses	720	15
Furnace	50	00
Laundry	55	65
Table and household furnishings	162	45
Repairing, cleaning, and labor	92	15
Printing	45	00
Library and books	11	10
Materials and postage for Clubs	21	25
Christmas entertainments	11	00
Cooking lessons	44	00
Stationery and postage	39	05
Telegrams	65	
Commission to Collector	3	50
Letter file and ledger	95	
Balance cash on hand—		
House fund	\$ 33	35
Treasury	167	51
		200 86
Total		<u>\$3100 31</u>

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR L. O'BRIEN, Treasurer.

We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the
San Francisco Settlement Association for the year ending
April 11, 1897, and find them correct.

WALTER C. CAMPBELL,
JOSEPH P. CHAMBERLAIN.

HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNT.



San Francisco Settlement Association, in account with Residents of South Park Settlement.

RECEIPTS.

To balance April 1, 1896	\$ 27 30	
To board from residents and visitors	1084 00	
To extra meals, transients	33 25	
To Cooking Class dues	19 85	
To donations and cash	19 15	\$1183 55
Disbursements		<u>1150 20</u>
Balance April 1, 1897		<u>\$33 35</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

By table expenses	\$ 720 15	
By servants' wages (six months)	150 00	
By cleaning and labor	76 75	
By laundry	55 65	
By coal	30 50	
By amount paid Treasurer on account of furnace.	50 00	
By incidental table and household furnishings	44 50	
By stamps and stationery	11 65	
By Christmas parties	11 00	\$1150 20

Respectfully submitted,

MARIA C. SCHERMERHORN,
Resident in charge.

Examined and found correct.—W. C. CAMPBELL.

MEMBERS.

Adams, Mrs. L. S.	Craig, Mrs. C. W.
Angell, Prof. Frank	Cushing, Mrs. Sidney B.
Atkinson, Miss Kate M.	Clark, Mrs. L. Curran
Anderson, Prof. Melville B.	Campbell, Mr. Walter
Beaver, Miss Ethel	Cashman, Mrs.
Beaver, Mr. G. W.	Denicke, Mr. Ernst
Beaver, Mrs. G. W.	Drexler, Mrs. Louis P.
Bacon, Prof. Thomas R.	Eldridge, Dr. John R.
Blake, Mrs. Charles	Eells, Mrs. Charles P.
Bixler, Mrs. David	Erwin, Mrs.
Baker, Mrs. L. L.	Fitch, Mrs. G. K.
Burgess, Mr. Frank Gelett	Fitch, Miss Virginia
Beans, Miss Frances L.	Flint, Mrs. A. W.
Bowers, Mrs. G. S.	Greene, Mrs. Chas. E.
Bowen, Miss Mary	Griffith, Miss A. S.
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